



**Beaver Pond Natural Area on
Thornton Creek Restoration
MEETING #2 NOTES**

Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 7 – 9 pm
Northgate Community Center,
10510 5th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98125

Over thirty community members attended the second public meeting for the Opportunity Fund restoration project of Beaver Pond Natural Area on Thornton Creek. Parks and The Watershed Company presented the final schematic plan for the restoration that was created based on community feedback from the first public meeting in January. After the presentation the community members provided input on their top three priorities for the restoration and natural area improvements. Their top priorities included the stream realignment, trail improvements and natural area enhancement. Parks and The Watershed Company will compile all input from the community to inform the design development for the restoration of the open space.

Priorities for the Natural Area:

Stream

First Priority: Stream Realignment including moving the stream to save the Sequoia.

Second Priority: Move stream channels away from roads and widen and stabilize channel

Entrances & Viewpoints Priorities

First Priority: Provide a safe place for viewing the Beaver Pond; Provide improvements near 5th Avenue NE and NE 103rd Street draw attention to the park and keep the NE 104th Street Corridor accessible.

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Second Priority: Provide a view platform on 8th Avenue NE, add Viewpoints, improve entrance at NE 103rd Street and 5th Avenue NE, and have NE 104th Street corridor accessible.

Third Priority: View platform near the Beaver Pond, improve access to the park and provide overlooks and educational/way finding signs.

Trails

Second Priority: Provide trail improvements throughout the natural area, provide access to Roosevelt and use work parties to work on trails with volunteers & Thornton Creek Alliance.

Third Priority: Provide stairs from Roosevelt to the Park

Fourth Priority: Provide trail improvements between Roosevelt & NE 106th Street and improve trail where trail is wet most of the year.

Drainage & Vegetation Improvements

First Priority: Add bio-swales & rain gardens to reduce pollutants and erosion

Second Priority: Add bio-swales.

Third Priority: Remove invasive plants in areas that volunteers can't access and improve vegetation at Beaver Pond.

Additional Comments

Third Priority: Remove large gravel area off of 8th Avenue and re-vegetate to put buffer between houses and remove parking to eliminate oils getting into the site. Provide signs & maps posted at entries and lookouts

Some comments were made pertaining to Seattle Department of Transportation Right-of-Way and City Light Street Lights these are duly noted.

Budget:

The total budget for the renovation is \$500,000. Funding for this project is provided through the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy Opportunity Fund. The project budget cover all costs associated with the project including administration, design, permits, bidding and construction.

Beaver Pond Natural Area @ Thornton Creek Timeline	2012 Quarters				2013 Quarters			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Pro View – Internal Parks review of proposed project elements.	★	★						
Community Meetings – Early discussions with community members and presentation of site analysis.	Jan. 11							
Community Meeting #2 –Presentation of schematic design and public input.	Mar. 14							
<i>Schematic Design Complete and Design Development begins</i>	★	★						
WDFW/DOE/Army Corps – Permit Submittal and Review			★	★				
Pro View Technical Review – Internal Technical Review of 65% Construction Drawings			★					
Pro View Technical Review – Internal Technical Review of 95% Construction Drawings				★				
Permit Issuance from WDFW/DOE/Army Corps					★			
<i>Design Development and Construction Drawings Complete</i>					★			
Construction						★	★	
Project Close Out							★	

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Meeting Information will be posted on line after the meeting.

